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**RE: UNITED STATES v. TANJA MILAKOVIC**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Tanja Milakovic, of London, Ontario, Canada, who was convicted of conspiracy to import methamphetamine from Canada into the United States. Milakovic was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment, four years of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment penalty by Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of attempted importation of methamphetamine and ketamine hydrochloride on February 10, 2004 when she entered a plea of guilty to the crime. Milakovic was arrested on June 26, 2003, when she appeared inbound inspection at the Rainbow Bridge in Lewiston, New York. A Border Inspector referred her vehicle for secondary inspection. During subsequent secondary inspection the defendant was searched. Inspectors found 1446 tablets of Ecstasy and 350 grams of ketamine, a tranquilizer, in her purse. The Ecstasy tablets were analyzed by the DEA laboratory and found to contain amounts of d-methamphetamine in addition to the 3,4

methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA). As a result of the detection of d-methamphetamine in the pills, the defendant faced increased penalties under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Smith.

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